



# Chicken: feed or insects, eggs or meat?

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# POULTRYNSECT – PROJECT OVERVIEW



Organic Food Side Streams



Live *Hermetia Illucens* larvae



Slow growing local chicken breeds



Organic, high quality chicken meat

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## Project objectives:

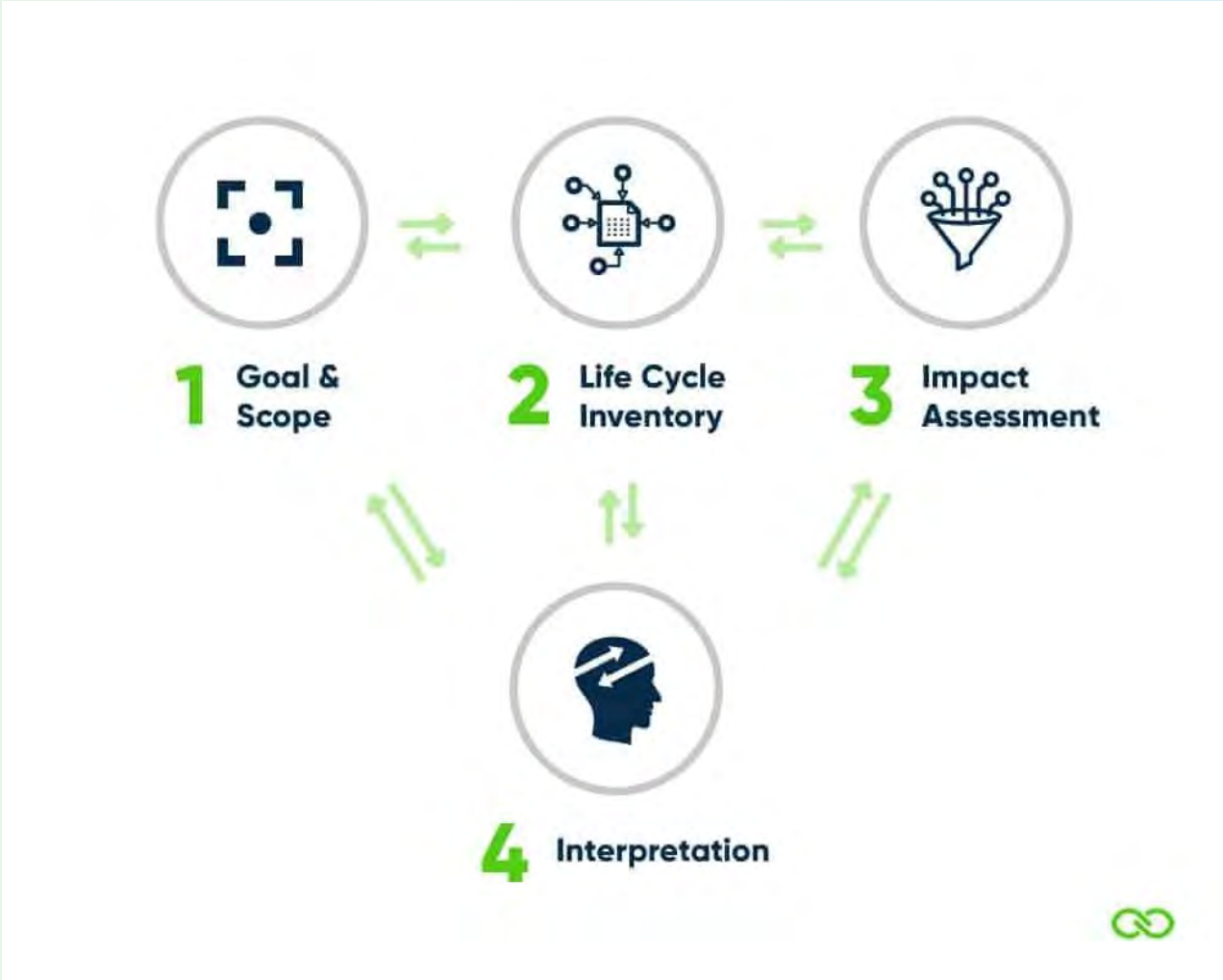
1. Optimization of *Hermetia Illucens* diet
2. Valorization of agronomic potential of the frass
3. Finding out the optimal level of *Hermetia Illucens* larvae in chicken diet
4. Larval influence on the bird welfare status
5. The impact of larvae bioactive compounds on chicken gut
6. Larval influence on poultry meat quality
7. The environmental impact of the chicken meat

# SOY OR INSECTS? CHICKEN OR EGGS?



- Protein of animal origin – high environmental costs
- Higher efficiency:
  - 1) less resources used and/or
  - 2) more protein
- Can we use insects to minimize the use of resources?
- How can we get the most protein from chicken production?

# LCA STAGES



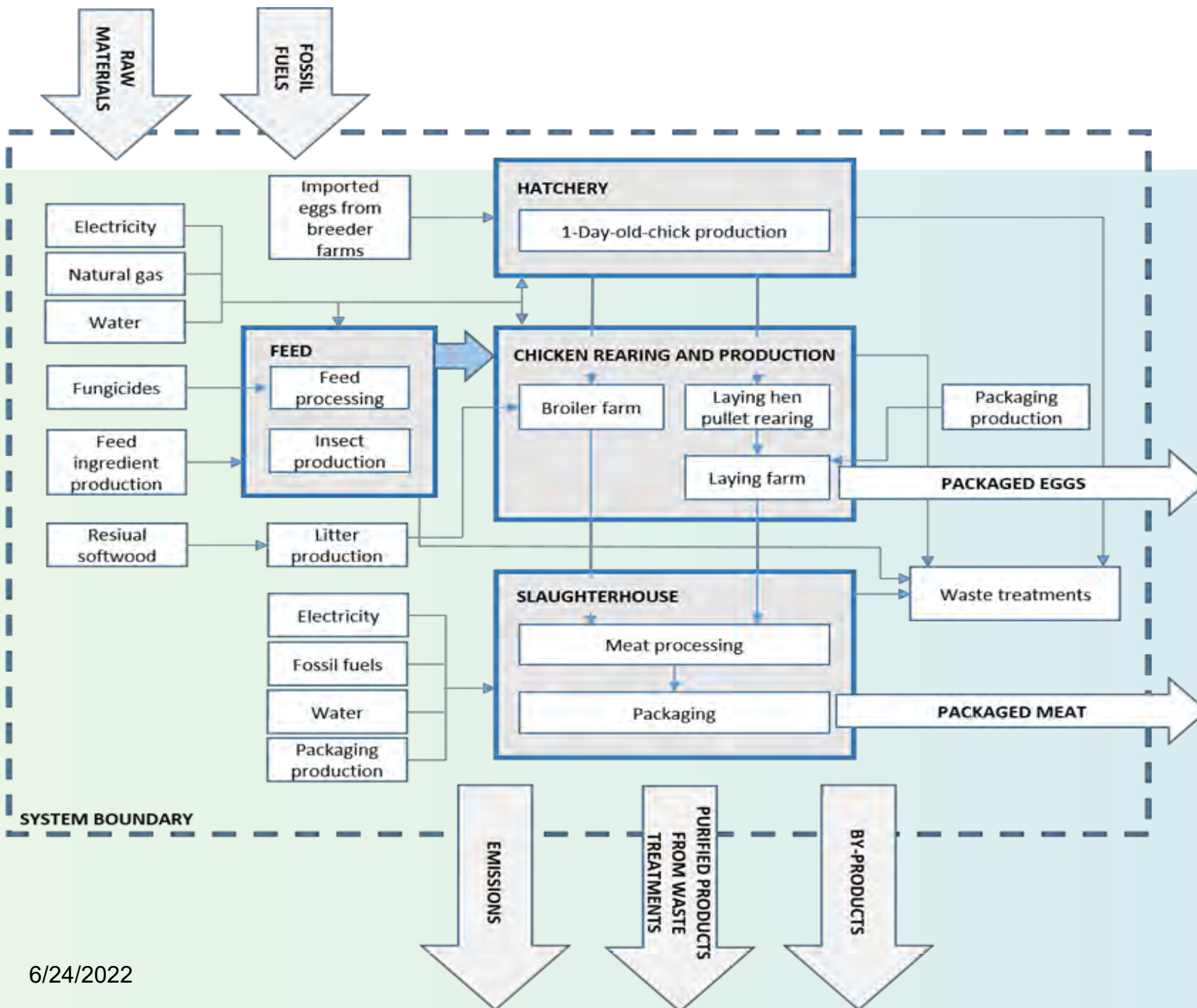
# GOAL AND SCOPE



- Environmental impact and efficiency of 2 types of chicken protein production
- Estimate the amount of protein produced from feed providing 20t of protein
- Further, it was hypothesized that environmental footprint of protein production can be lowered by inclusion of insects into the commercial feed
- Insects were considered to be fed on 2 different diets



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- The data were collected from the literature, mostly:
  1. Dekker et al. (2011) (Netherlands) for laying hen production and
  2. González-García et al. (2014) (Portugal) for broiler production)
- Calculations were done in SimaPro 8.5.2.0 (PRé Consultants, Netherlands)
- Background data were taken from the ecoinvent 3 (ecoinvent, Switzerland) and Agri-footprint (Agri-footprint, Netherlands) database.
- Adapted to the DIN EN ISO 14044:2006



# INVENTORY ANALYSIS



- Methodology - IMPACT 2002+
- Two functional units:
  1. Protein conversion ratio, FU1 – amount of chicken protein that can be produced with 20t of feed protein.
  2. Functional unit, FU2 – estimation of production of 1 kg of chicken protein.

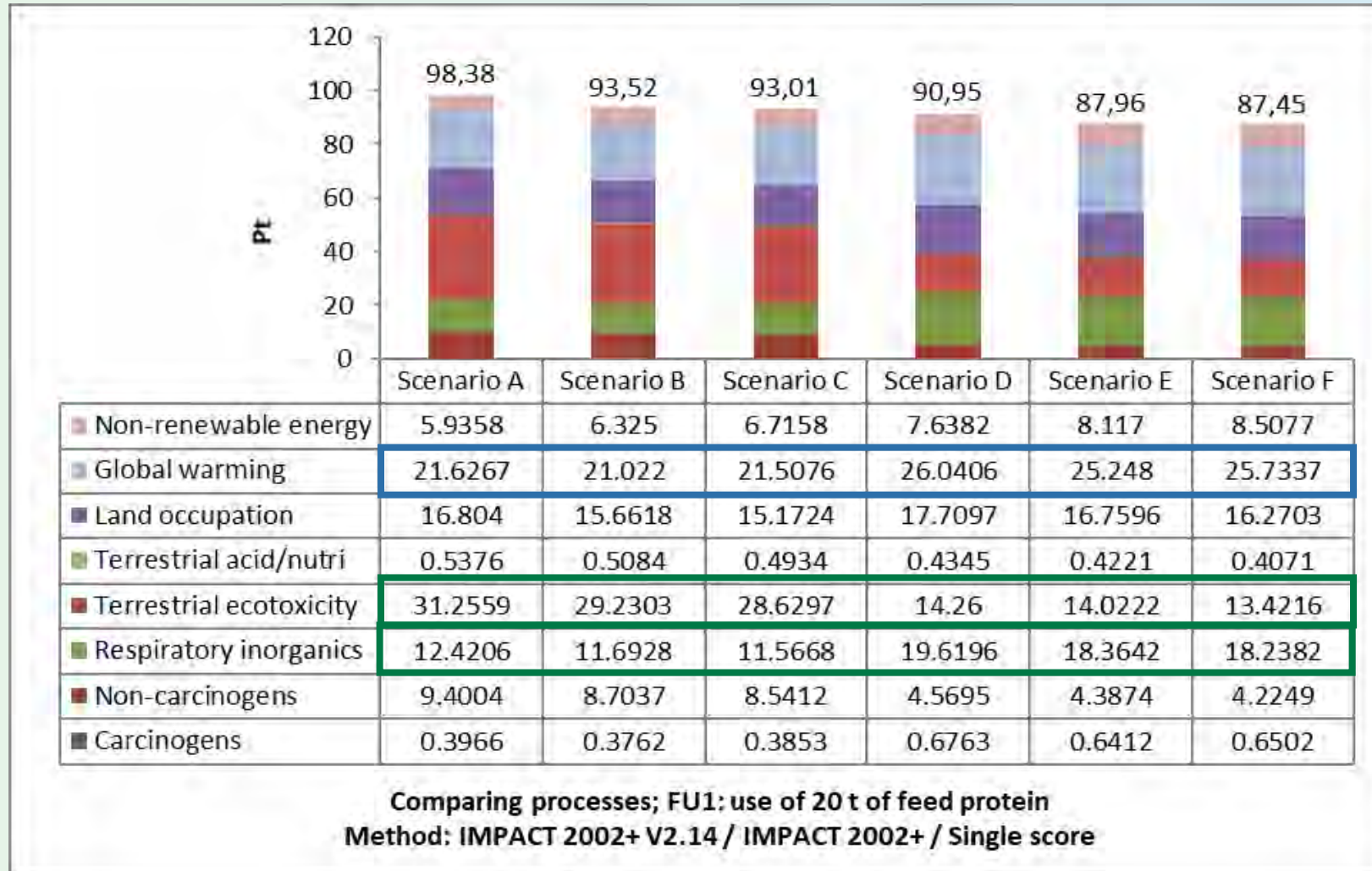
# PROTEIN PRODUCED



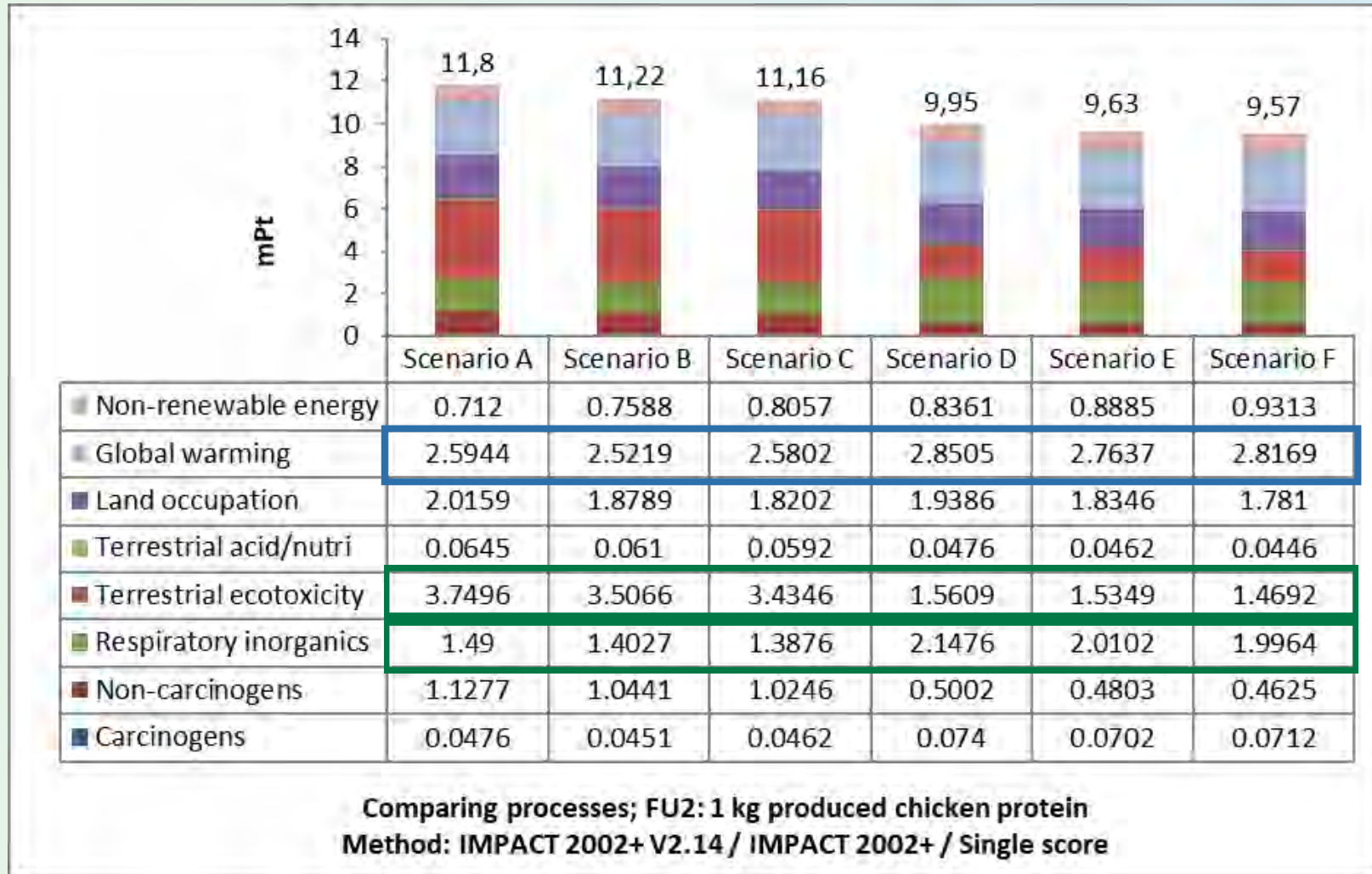
Scenarios		Commercial feed protein (t)	BSFL protein, fed with Gainesville diet (t)	BSFL protein, fed with fruit and vegetable waste (t)	Protein produced (kg)
A	Egg production	20			8,335.75
B	Egg production	18	2		
C	Egg production	18		2	
D	Broiler production	20			9,135.456
E	Broiler production	18	2		
F	Broiler production	18		2	

Protein conversion efficiency: 0.417 for laying hens and 0.446 for broilers.

# LCA RESULTS



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# CONCLUSIONS



- Broiler production has slightly higher protein efficiency than egg production
- Laying hen production achieved higher single score results than broiler production
- The production of feed has by far the largest share of the environmental impact of the entire production
- Decrease of environmental impact due to introduction of larvae:

Decrease in environmental impact achieved by introduction of HI larvae into the diet of:	Larvae fed on Gainesville diet	Larvae fed on fruit and vegetable waste
Laying hens	5%	5.50%
Broilers	3.30%	3.80%

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